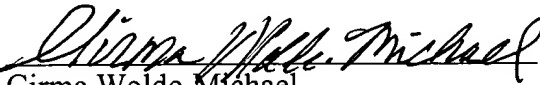Systems," filed October 29, 1999, Ser. No.09/429; "Apparatus and Method for Remote Self-Identification of Components in Medical Device Systems," filed October 29, 1999, Ser. No.09/429,956; "Apparatus and Method to Automate Remote Software Updates of Medical Device Systems," filed October 29, 1999, Ser. No.09/429,960; "Method and Apparatus to Secure Data Transfer From Medical Device Systems," filed November 2, 1999, Ser. No 09/431,881 "Implantable Medical Device Programming Apparatus Having An Auxiliary Component Storage Compartment," filed November 4, 1999, Ser. No. 09/433,477; "Remote Delivery Of Software-Based Training For Implantable Medical Device Systems," filed November 10, 1999, Ser. No. 09/437,615; "Apparatus and Method for Remote Therapy and Diagnosis in Medical Devices Via Interface Systems," filed December 14, 1999, Ser. No. 09/460,580; "Virtual Remote Monitor, Alert, Diagnostics and Programming For Implantable Medical Device Systems" filed December 17, 1999, Ser. No. 09/466,284; "Instrumentation and Software for Remote Monitoring and Programming of Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs), filed December 21, 1999, Ser. No.60/172,937; "Application Proxy For Telecommunication-enabled Remote Medical Access Instruments," filed December 23, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,081; "Information Network Scheme For Interrogation Of Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs)," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,064; "Medical Device GUI For Cardiac Electrophysiology Display And Data Communications," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,065; "Integrated Software System For Implantable Medical Device Installation And Management," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,082; "Dynamic Bandwidth Monitor And Adjuster For Remote Communications With A Medical Device," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No.60/173,083 "Large-Scale Processing Loop For Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs)," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,079; "Chronic Real-Time Information Management Systems For Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs)," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,062; "Automatic Voice and Data Recognition For Medical Device Instrument Systems," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No.60/173,071 "Central Switchboard to Facilitate Remote Collaboration With Medical Instruments," filed December 24, 1999, Ser. No. 60/173,080; which are all incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

Applicant(s) submit this preliminary amendment to include material that was cited in provisional application serial no. 60/173,071 filed on December 24, 1999 from which the non-provisional application serial no. 09/731,178 filed on December 6, 2000 is derived. The cited references were inadvertently omitted. No new matter has been introduced as a result of this amendment.

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